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DECLARATION UNDER

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Sir:

We, the undersigned inventors, declare as follows:

1. We are the only inventors of the invention claimed in the above-captioned patent application.
2. We alone conceived of the claimed invention in the above-captioned patent application.
3. We are the only inventors of claims 1-2, 7-9 and 24-25 in the copending Application No. 10/176,972.
4. We alone conceived of the subject matter of claims 1-2, 7-9 and 24-25 in the copending Application No. 10/176,972.
5. We further declare and state that Michael J. Singer is not a co-inventor of the subject matter of claims 1-2, 7-9 and 24-25 in the copending Application No. 10/176,972. The disclosure of claims 1-2, 7-9 and 24-25 in the copending Application No. 10/176,972 was derived from our inventive work. Michael J. Singer did not have a role in the conception and discovery of the subject matter of claims 1-2, 7-9 and 24-25 in the copending Application No. 10/176,972.
6. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false

statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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